

Scraps of Wisdom

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Program for September 21, 2011 - Helen Blaskievich - Trunk Show

Welcome to the new guild year! The program committee has been busy the last year arranging a variety of speakers and activities for 2011/2012. We hope you enjoy this year!

Our featured speaker is Helen Blaskievich. Making quilts has become a passion for Helen since retiring from teaching. Her quilts are made with traditional patterns and bright colours. Until recently she was somewhat of a snob about the quilting, believing that only a hand-quilted quilt was a real quilt. Since purchasing a mid-arm machine, she is becoming a convert to machine quilting. She loves hand work, does a lot of applique, and still finds time for some hand quilting.

A P.I.G.S. challenge is coming!! Don't worry, it's not about farm animals. It stands for Project In Grocery Sack. It's a quilting project that you intend to get to some day, with fabric and pattern set aside in a bag. Do you have one? Or maybe you have a quilt WIP (Work In Progress) or a quilt UFO (UnFinished Object)? Many quilters have projects that just aren't quite done. We'd like to encourage you to complete them during this guild year. At the September and October meetings you can register your un-completed or un-started project (or 2 or 3 or 4) for \$1.00 each. Your dollar will be safely stored in a piggy bank. Your goal is to complete the project and show it during show-and-tell on or before the May Guild meeting. Then you will receive a ballot to deposit into another piggy bank. During the May meeting we'll draw from all the ballots and you could win the pig full of money!

Our vendor this month is *Creative Sewing Centre* from Kitchener.

Trudy Dey and Vikki MacDonald

Program Committee Coordinators



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Reminder of Meeting Times:

1:30—3:30 (doors open @ 12:45)

7:30—9:30 (doors open @ 6:40)

Meeting Checklist

- Your nametag/lanyard
- Show and Tell
- Smile/Memory/Alzheimer Quilts
- Zehrs tapes
- Books/magazines to donate to the Library
- Boutique items
- Membership Renewal

Bonnie Murdoch

President's Message



For most of my life, I never really felt Jan. 1st to be the New Year. It was always September - new grade, new teacher, new school, and eventually new class. And so I feel it is a new year for me as I assume the presidential role. Thank you for allowing me to represent you and play this role in our Guild.

Our attention for the last year and particularly the last 6 months has been directed to our show coming at the end of the month. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbours. We put on an excellent show thanks to all your work and the organizational work headed up by Colleen Robertson and Marg Cassell. So many committees and heads of have worked behind the scenes over this last year to make the show successful and I want to acknowledge and thank you for this work. Now we need a few more members to be the visible helpers at the show - "personing" the tea room, the small quilt draw, the white gloves, the admission desk, etc. Colleen will have her list ready for you to fill in the gaps at our September meeting. I saw a few of the quilts when I was helping Fred and Ruth Hicks photograph the quilts for the CD. We are going to have an excellent quilt show. I am continually amazed by the quality and creativity of you, the quilters.

We have such talent that I want to see these quilts for the next 25 years or more. And this brings me to a challenge that I would like to put forward. As you know quilting can be a rather sedentary hobby and this is not good for our health. If we aim at increasing our mobility we will be able to increase our stash or decrease it depending where we were in the quilting continuum. As a start, I am challenging you to walk ten minutes a day. For some of us that will be adding to our exercise already and for some of us it will be initiating a new daily regime. I think this is within our reach for the first month. We will benefit from this small change. I will take a poll at our first meeting. I will admit there is a selfish aspect to this. I need support and I thought my quilting friends could help me as you help yourselves get into better health which will allow us to quilt longer.

So a great quilt show, a small challenge, new quilts to make as I wish you a new year.

Bonnie Murdoch

Mannheim Quilting Circle - First meeting Wednesday October 12 9am to 4pm

Please join us this year. We are an informal group who bring our projects and spend the day working together. There is lots of room for your sewing machine and tables to baste your project. We learn from each other and have a lot of laughs. Bring your lunch/snacks/beverage if you are staying for the day. Fast food is also a short drive away. You can spend the whole day or a few hours. We have fun theme days (remember stone soup?).

Looking forward to seeing new members. Directions in your handbook.

Fabia Joyce and Bernice Gammy



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Your Membership Handbook is a valuable tool. Please spend some time reading through the information pages. You will find meeting dates, membership rates, newsletter policies, website information, community outreach programs, workshop information, Mannheim information, the fabric bank, the library, our bylaws and standing rules. Do not hesitate to contact your executive if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Reaching Out to Guild Members

Do you know a Guild Member who is sick or has lost a loved one? The Guild sends out "Get Well/Sympathy" cards to members. Please send a note or call our vice-presidents Judy Pearce or Sally Gray who take care of this. Due to the Canadian Privacy Act, we cannot publish or announce names at Guild meetings. We rely on your information to reach out to our quilting friends.



Quilt Show September 30 & October 1, 2011



We only have a few more days until the WCQG Quilt Show. We still need volunteers - lots of you. If you have not already signed up, please take a minute at the Guild meeting to do so. We need help getting set up on Thursday September 29 and for the take down on Saturday October 1. We need lots of volunteers on both Friday and Saturday in the Tea Room, White Gloving, a few for the Boutique, the Admission Table, Raffle Tickets table and Small Quilt Draw. Remember that you have free admission to the Show (you only need to leave a donation for the tea room if you have anything) when you volunteer. We also have a room for lunch etc. and safe place for your valuables when you volunteer. Many of us just bring essentials for the Show leaving purses etc. at home.

Jan Hember will have your identification tickets ready at the guild meeting for Take In on Thursday. Please make sure you pick them up at the meeting. If you need someone to take your quilts to RIM on Thursday, please speak to Jan with the name of your "buddy" so we don't lose anything, especially when taking things down on Saturday.

The Take Down will be done in a different fashion this year, so please be patient when you come to get your quilts. The doors to the Quilt Show will be closed as soon as the Show is finished so that the quilted items can be safely taken down and sorted. Nothing will be leaving Forbes Hall at RIM until every quilt and other items have been accounted for. Please be sure to have your tickets ready for identification when you do pick them up.

Don't forget to bring jam, promised tables, teacups etc. on Thursday if you can, or very early on Friday for Ruthanne Snider, Cindy MacKay-Musso and Carol Huehn in the Tea Room so they can be ready for customers on Friday. If you want to bring them to the September Guild meeting, I'm sure they will take care of them for you. Elizabeth King and many other volunteers have been diligently working at the St. Jacobs Market selling the Raffle Tickets, which sold very well. A few of us will be selling tickets at Sunlife on September 15 as well.

We've had many wonderful compliments regarding the quilts. Lisaard House has touched many lives in our communities. Knowing the donation will be going to them has boosted the sales, I'm sure. We want to thank everyone once again for all of your hard work in this endeavour.

As the Handbook goes to print, we want to thank you for the many beautiful entries for the Show. Again this year, we can be very proud of our membership skills, creativity, and generosity.

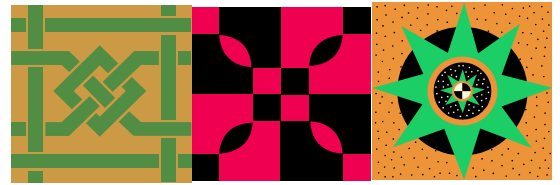
Make sure to invite all of your friends and family to see your contributions and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a scone. Be sure to visit the vendors who again this year will have many lovely things for a new year of quilting.

Marg Cassel & Colleen Robertson

2011 Quilt Show Chairs

Quilt Show Rim Park

Sept 30 – Oct 1, 2011



Procedure for Submitting Quilts to the Show

- At the September Guild Meeting pick up your receipt and ID slips (one for each quilt) at the show table
- Remove the receipt section and put it in a safe place in your purse. You will need it to pick your quilt up on Saturday
- Fold your quilt right side facing out
- Pin one ID slip to the outside corner of your quilt so that when folded it is visible
- Pin the other ID slip to the top outside of your pillowcase
- Put your quilt into the pillowcase (no plastic bags please)
- If your quilt requires a special way of wrapping or transporting other than in a pillowcase please inform Jan before the show. jan@hember.name or 519-745-1375
- Bring your quilt to **Forbes Hall at RIM Park on Thursday September 29 between 8:00am and 9:00 am**

Quilt Buddies

If you are unable to deliver your quilts to RIM Park on the morning of Thursday September 29 between 8:00am and 9:00 am:

- Arrange with a friend to be your Quilt Buddy and let Jan know who it is. There will be a sign up sheet for Quilt Buddies at the September Guild Meeting or email jan@hember.name or call 519-745-1375
- Pick up your receipts and ID slips at the Guild Meeting
- Prepare your own quilts at home and deliver them to your Quilt Buddy who will take them to RIM for you
- Be sure to keep your receipt in a safe place for picking your quilts up on Saturday
- Write the name of your Quilt Buddy who is picking up your quilt on your receipt and ID slips
- Be sure to give your Quilt Buddy your receipt for each quilt

Please see next page:



Quilt Show (con't)

Procedure for Picking Up Quilts from the Show Saturday October 1 between 6:15 and 7:00pm

Please do not arrive at Forbes Hall to pick up your quilts until **6:15 pm**.

- The volunteer committee responsible for the returning of quilts to the owners requests that, unless you have signed up as a volunteer to Take Down the show, you wait outside Forbes Hall until the volunteers have had a chance to set up
- When the volunteers are ready you will pick up your pillowcases (in alphabetical order) outside the tea room and proceed to the tables where the quilts will be arranged in sections alphabetically (there will be volunteers to help you find your quilts)
- Go to the checkout table to have your name checked off for receiving your quilt(s).
- When you leave Forbes Hall present your receipts to the volunteers at the door. If you have a Quilt Buddy be sure that Buddy has your receipts. **This procedure is new** and has been set up in order to assure safe return of your quilt(s)

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SEPTEMBER GUILD MEETING

Membership

I want to thank all the members who renewed their membership in the spring or over the summer. Unfortunately I will be away from Sept 6-28. If you are sending your renewal in between those days or are renewing it at the Sept. meeting, I will get your membership cards to you in Oct. So far we have 173 members including 4 new members. The membership committee is hoping to get the membership book out for the Oct. meeting baring unforeseen hurricane, floods, tornadoes or anything else Mother Nature can throw at us.

Madeline Hughes and the Membership Committee

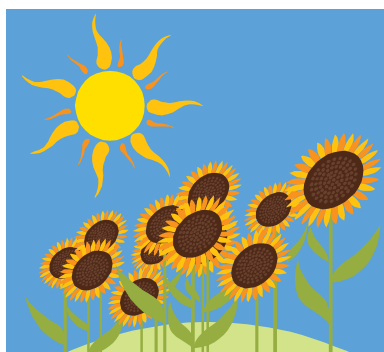
Wanted

I am looking for a source of Tyvek envelopes, usually used in office settings to send special documents. They can be used..... most likely would be discarded after use.

Contact Judy Gascho-Jutzi (phone number in membership book)

www.JudyGascho-Jutzi.ca

www.pirak.com/artistbios/judygascho-jutzi.html



For Sale

Ron Robinson, who is in his late 80's, will donate 10% of the sale to the Guild of the following:

Quilting Frame(10 feet by 2 feet) for a long arm sewing machine - never been used - Bought for \$1200, asking \$700.

Contact Ron Robinson in Kitchener 519 -743-5658

“One for One Dollar, Two for Two Dollars or Five for Five!”

The statement above was our “little joke” with buyers of the Guild’s raffle quilt tickets at market on June 11 and 25, July 16 and 30, August 13 and 27. The beauty of our raffle quilts and the fact that the recipient of all proceeds is Lisaard House sold the tickets without great effort on the part of a wonderful crew of volunteers. Very, very sincere thanks are extended to Jan Hember, Ruth Hicks (twice), Mary Karen Gosselink, Colleen Robertson and Ginny Mathies for attending market before 7 a.m. in order to “hoist” the quilt and set up for sales, and to Helene Doefler (twice), Linda Royea, Carol Huehn, Heather Zinkewich, Bonnie Murdoch, Frieda Adams, Thelma Ignor (twice), Carol McLaren (twice), Emily Hunsberger, Ulka Khare, Marilyn Weckworth and Judy Siegner who encouraged literally hundreds of locals and tourists to purchase tickets. Although total market sales of tickets have not yet been tallied, I am confident that we shall surpass the \$1000.00 mark. Yeah!

Thank you again to this team of helpers and a special thank you to Bev Bechthold, Emily Hunsberger and the many Guild members for creating such beautiful quilts.

Elizabeth King and Jan Hember

Guild Retreats

Two Guild Retreats are planned! The first will be November 10-13, 2011 at The Oakwood Inn at Grand Bend. Enjoy good food, friends and plenty of time to quilt at a new venue for \$430.00 for the weekend. The second retreat is planned for March 15-18, 2012 at Brentwood on the Beach for \$400. Please contact Megan Stauch at 519-748-1254 or at megan.stauch@rogers.com for more details about either of these retreats.



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Calls for Entry

- Joseph Schneider Haus “What’s in a Name” Entry Deadline April 20, 2012. Entry forms available at the Museum 466 Queen St S Kitchener, ON N2G 1W7. Call 619-742-7752
- International Plowing Match - Entry Deadline July 1, 2012. Guild members Mary Wiedner & Nita Timm have entry forms and fabric. Website: www.ipm2012.ca
- Ongoing Exhibits at the Greenwood Gallery (Guelph). Currently accepting submissions from individuals or groups for monthly exhibits. They seek to maintain a relationship with the tradition of quilting while exploring new avenues in textile art. Contact Christine Whitehouse 519-822-2790 email contact@greenwoodquiltery.com

Victoria’s Quilts

Hello, my name is Sheila Goldsworthy. I have been quilting for about ten years and a sequence of events last year led me to begin a local chapter of Victoria's Quilts Canada. I recall years ago they had a booth at the Waterloo Quilt Festival. While they are very well known in the eastern part of the province, we are the most western branch in Ontario. The next closest branch is Peterborough. Please visit the web site to find out more: www.victoriasquiltscanada.com.

Similar to Smile Quilts and Linus Quilts, this charity provides quilts to people living with cancer. Since February of 2011 we have delivered over 25 quilts. To date we have not let the community know we are available to provide quilts, other than through word of mouth. We are receiving requests from head office for us to create the quilts and deliver them. As word spreads, and if we are able to meet the demand, we will inform the community we are here. Our “supply” (quilters that is) needs to grow to satisfy the demand required for our community. On average the other branches deliver over 140 quilts a year! I would envision the Waterloo Wellington Branch approaching that number of quilt requests in 2012.

We have begun visits to local quilt stores to inform them of our branch but we need to make more visits. Creative Sisters (Lancaster Street) was very interested and supportive of our branch and we hope to book sewing days at their location in the future. ePix Studio in St Jacobs has also invited us to their location to prepare quilts for Victoria’s Quilts. If you are interested in joining us, please email me.

We do have some specific needs. Our committee is small and could use a secretary, quilt co-ordinator(s), awareness raiser, and perhaps a fund raiser as well. Obviously I am hoping to interest some of you to prepare quilts for our branch.

The charity has some requirements: for example size of quilt is very important, quilting cotton, and flannelette backing.

Our branch email is vqbecausewecare@gmail.com.

Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.



On the Calendar

Mar 23 - Sept 25, 2011	Silk Oasis on the Silk Road: Bukhara - The Textile Museum of Canada. Also their permanent collection contains more than 12,000 artefacts and spans almost 2000 years and 200 world regions- fabrics, ceremonial cloths, garments, carpets & quilts. 55 Centre Ave. Toronto 416-599-5321 www.textilemuseum.ca Open daily 11-5 Wed 11-8.
May 15 - Sept 11, 2011	Joseph Schneider Haus Museum Grand National Quilt Show: Balancing Act 466 Queen St. S., Kitchener, Ontario Contact: Anne Marie 519 579-7752 grandnationalquiltshow@gmail.com
Sept 10 - 11, 2011	Settlers Village Quilters presents Threaded Treasures , 85 Dunn St, Bobcaygeon, ON Show and Sale, Admission \$5 Husbands Free 705-738-6163 Unique heritage setting. Merchants mall, boutique, raffle, door prizes, demonstrations, refreshments. Info: raylou.plante@sympatico.ca
Sept 30 - Oct 1, 2011	KW Quilt Show 2011 Waterloo County Quilters Guild, RIM Park, 2001 University Ave E, Waterloo, ON. Show, raffle, members boutique, tea room and merchants mall. Info: www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca
Sept 17 - 18, 2011	Yorkshire Rose Quilt Show & Workshops , Ellesmere Community Recreation Centre, 20 Canadian Road, Toronto. To register for workshops email annemcallister@sympatico.ca or call Anne at 416-707-2654.
Oct 14 - 15, 2011	Halton Hills Quilter's Guild 20th Anniversary Quilt Show 2011 9188 Winston Churchill Blvd., Norval, On., Croation Centre. Contact: Judy Makinson, 905-877-4338 judyquilts@sympatico.ca Or haltonhillsquiltshow@gmail.com
Oct 15 - 16, 2011	Quilt Show and Sale Rouge Valley Quilters' Guild 75 Centennial Road, Ajax, On. Contact: Jean Reid jeanreid@sympatico.ca web www.rougevalleyquiltersguild.com
Oct 17, 2011	The Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild invite your members to a concert with Cathy Miller, the Singing Quilter. The concert will take place at our monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 PM. Our meetings take place in the Community Room of the Orangeville Agricultural Centre at 7:30 PM. Map: http://www.orangevillefairgrounds.ca/directions It's a large facility so we have lots of room for guests. Guest fees are \$5.00 Come earlier to catch up on our guild activities at the various information tables.
Oct 21 - 22, 2011	Fan-See Quilts and More Quilt Show Five Star Quilt Guild Teeswater Culross Community Centre. Contact: Donna Ignas dmignas@hotmail.ca
Oct 22, 2011	The third annual Charlie Fund Quilt Event. Maple Grove United Church, 346 Maple Grove Drive, Oakville, ON, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Quilt show by the Group of Eight Fibre Artists, silent quilt auction and other quilt- and pet-related attractions. New this year: Charlie Fund Quilter's Boutique. Admission: \$2. Free parking and free refreshments. Win a door prize -- win a game! Every dollar raised goes directly to the emergency/special medical needs of the ill and injured homeless animals at the Oakville & Milton Humane Society. Attention quilters: if you would like to donate a quilt, please go to www.oakvillemiltonhumane.ca , scroll down on the home page to the description of this fundraiser and click on "Calling all Quilters" for the "2011 Entry Form for Quilts". Contact: (Mrs.) Anne M. Smith, email: amsmithodhs@hotmail.com or phone 416-258-8401.

On the Calendar cont'd

Oct 21 - 23, 2011	Creative Sewing & Needlework Festival , Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building. Classes, featured guests, merchants etc Website www.csnf.com
Nov 11 - 13, 2011	A Celebration of Quilts XI - Art for Body and Soul at Japanese Canadian Cultural Center, Toronto by York Heritage Quilters Guild. Contact: www.yhqg.org
May 24 - June 2, 2012	Quilt Canada "Seams Like Home" Halifax, Nova Scotia http://quiltcanada2012.ca

Websites for Events in Canada and the USA

Canadian Quilters' Association web www.canadianquilter.com

American Quilter's Society web www.americanquilter.com

From the Newsletter Desk

This is your newsletter. I am looking for members to submit articles, tips, pictures of Guild events, stories, poems and of course funny stuff. If you have enjoyed a book or show please let me know.

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Please note that all submissions may be subject to editing for grammar, spelling and content.

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